

0021200

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

This Document contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this form is prohibited.

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. 25X1
 SUBJECT 25X1 Views on East German Morale DATE DISTR. 9 February 1954
 NO. OF PAGES 1
 DATE OF INFO. 25X1 REQUIREMENT NO. 25X1
 PLACE ACQUIRED REFERENCES

25X1 1. Reports from widely scattered localities in the Russian zone of Germany indicate that the mood of the East German population has become noticeably more tense. This is ascribed to two factors. In the first place, the supply situation is getting worse, particularly as regards food, heat, and electricity, and many people fear that "another catastrophic spring" is likely. Second, there is disappointment and resentment over Molotov's negative speech concerning free elections. The tenser mood, especially among the workers, is reflected in bolder discussions of the Soviet tactics at the Four-Power Conference and in isolated instances where individuals have spoken of the possible recurrence of the events of 17 June 1953. 1

25X1

25X1

Comment: No uprising is to be anticipated at present, nor even widespread minor demonstrations; but the situation is very fluid and nothing is completely impossible, particularly if the Conference fails and if the onus for failure rests squarely on the Soviet delegation.

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC									
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--